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- 1 **1. (CANCELED)**
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- 3 **2. (NEW) A method for the use of a specially adapted pad apparatus for**
4 **protecting the supportive surface of a multi-serving vessel from condensate**
5 **damage during indoor beverage and food service, comprised of:**
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- 7 **a. – e. (CANCELED)**
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- 9 **3. (NEW) positioning the pad of Claim 2 beneath a multi-serving vessel so**
10 **that said pad apparatus rests upon the supportive surface of said multi-**
11 **serving vessel; and**
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- 13 **4. (NEW) wherein the multi-serving vessel of Claim 3 is filled to its**
14 **capacity with ice as well as beverages or food objects; and**
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- 16 **5. (NEW) wherein the pad of Claim 3 is of a size to exceed by**
17 **one-inch the bottom of the multi-serving vessel of Claim 3; and**
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- 19 **6. (NEW) wherein the pad of Claim 3 captures dripping**
20 **condensate generated by the multi-serving vessel of Claim 3;**
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32 7. (NEW) the pad of Claim 2 having a plurality of fabric layers joined by a
33 perimeter seam, comprised of:

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35 8. (NEW) top-layer absorbent means of an outer-layer size, including at
36 least one piece of cotton fabric, whereby condensate from a multi-serving
37 vessel is drawn into the pad of Claim 2, preventing condensate from
38 pooling on the surface of said pad; and

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40 9. (NEW) second-layer desorption field means of an outer-layer size,
41 including a piece of cotton batting, whereby the pad of Claim 2 dries, thus
42 eliminating the need for intervention during said pad's use; and

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44 10. (NEW) third-layer wicking barrier means of a mid-portion size,
45 including a piece of coated fabric, whereby absorbed moisture is forced to
46 move in a radial direction within the desorption field of Claim 9; and

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48 11. (NEW) bottom-layer thermal barrier means of an outer-layer size,
49 including at least one piece of cotton batting, whereby secondary
50 condensate is prevented from forming beneath the pad;

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52 12. (NEW) the pad of Claim 2 having a bolstered center means, including a
53 plurality of substantially fabric layers of a mid-portion size surrounding and
54 attached to a third-layer wicking barrier whereby the multi-serving vessel is
55 prevented from depressing said pad's center below the edges of said pad.

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